

**Joseph Woodruff,
Faculty Member,
Takes Own Life**

**Weak Heart, Nervous Condition
Given As Reasons For
Ending Life**

**Professor Woodruff Had Been
Faculty Member Three Years**

**Was Active As A City Planning
Consultant Throughout
New England**

Professor Joseph T. Woodruff, faculty member in the architectural department, took his own life in his home in Longmeadow, Massachusetts, early Saturday morning. He has been a member of the Technology faculty in charge of the regional planning department since 1936.

Professor Woodruff had been in ill health for a long time, and, according to his doctor and the medical examiner, had been suffering from a weak heart and an acute nervous condition. His actions were attributed to these causes.

Professor Woodruff was born in Colorado Springs in 1894. He was a member of the Class of '17, but never graduated from Technology. The deceased had been active in city planning circles throughout the East both before and after his appointment to the faculty in 1934 as an Assistant Professor in the City Planning Department. He had been a consultant in numerous state and municipal projects as well as a consultant for the New England Regional Planning Commission.

Professor Woodruff is survived by his wife and two children.

**Robert H. Goldsmith
Tells Of Experiences
In Letter To T.C.A.**

**Tech Representative in Turkey
Teaching at Roberts
College Now**

Last spring, the T. C. A. decided to initiate work projects in foreign colleges. To this end they sent Robert H. Goldsmith, of the class of 1927, to Robert College, Istanbul, Turkey. Recently a letter was received from Goldsmith, telling of his experiences in Turkey. Following are some excerpts from his letter which describe life in an engineering school in Turkey.

"From what I can gather, Robert College is ever increasing its reputation as an engineering school. . . . Turkey needs engineers and this is well proven by the ease with which men procure jobs on graduation. . . . And the fact the Robert College teaches in English also helps, for much work is being done by English companies out here. . . .

Student Attitude Different

"There is a great deal of contact between the staff and the students in the extra-curricular activities, espec-

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T. C. A.

**Tech Sends Delegates
To A.S.U. Convention**

Five Tech men are to attend the American Students Union Convention which is to take place at Vassar from December 27 to 31. Four of the men, Thomas Goldfrank, '39, Richard Hauau, '39, Harold L. Posner, G., and Gerald W. Waring, G., are to represent the Technology unit, while Alfred J. Green, '40, is to appear as representative for the Boston District.

At a meeting yesterday the Technology men were instructed as to what stand to take on (1) peace policies, (2) financial aid for students and liberalization of college curricula, (3) participation in progressive political acts and legislation.

**Engineer "Like Karl T. Compton" Requested By Firm;
Sage, Placement Officer, Lists Employees' Assets**

Initiative, vigor and courage were among qualities stressed by Nathaniel McL. Sage, Placement Officer, in the placement lecture given on Friday, December 17, as desirable in future employees.

Excerpts were read from letters received by the placement bureau quoting specifications listed by the prospective employers who write to Technology for men. Several of the requirements, it was admitted, could not be filled: among them that of the company which desired a chemical engineer "just like Karl T. Compton." Also incapable of being satisfied by Institute graduates was the company which wrote, "He must be tall—at least six feet; and husky....an ex-football player would be ideal."

Modesty Desired

Some of the more serious requests read: "....not feeling that he is going to conquer the world in fifteen min-

utes"; ".....ambitious, intelligent, resourceful—able to cooperate with all types of people"; "a chemical engineer.....with pep, commercial sense, tact, and aggressiveness."

Unsuspected considerations often enter into the getting and keeping of a job. One concern, for example, demanded that the man it hired "be able to stand kidding."

Other letters stated that: "preference will be given to those not raised in the city"; he should not be "a cigarette smoking machine—and must have emotional stability"; "he should be a leader but not hard-boiled"; "he should be from 21-24.....able to think for himself." Remarks of this sort evidence a prejudice conceived because of the pleasant or otherwise characteristics of previous employees from the Institute.

Students were urged to join professional societies both while at

**Theta Chi House Entertains
Less Fortunate Boston Boys**

Theta Chi Fraternity last night entertained fifteen underprivileged boys of Boston at a turkey dinner and Christmas party at the chapter house. At the end of the evening each boy was presented with a pair of sneakers.

Although this is the first attempt of the fraternity at any like plan, it is hoped that, under the sponsorship of the national Theta Chi organization, the entertainment can be repeated annually.

**5.15 Club Will Give
Gala New Year's Ball**

**Commuters To End Successful
Year With Festivities**

With over 150 options sold by yesterday for the New Year's Ball, Milton I. Wallace, '38, chairman of the dance committee, predicted a complete sellout by the end of the week. Places for about fifty couples remain as the time limit for redemption of options closes tomorrow afternoon. Places reserved by options which are not redeemed by tomorrow will be placed on open sale beginning Thursday noon.

Ted Bailey's orchestra will play at the dance which starts at ten New Year's Ball

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Cercle Francais

Winners of Rogers Award

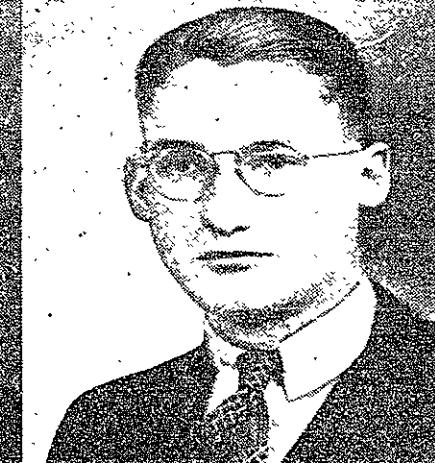
Frederick J.
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John J.
Wallace

**Four Seniors Get
Rogers' Awards
Of 500 Dollars**

Kolb, Lippitt, Wallace, And
Morgan Granted New
Scholarship

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Is A Member Of Tau Beta Pi

Men Are Chosen For Character,
Leadership, Activities
And Grades

In recognition of outstanding qualifications of leadership and character combined with distinguished scholastic attainment, the first William Barton Rogers Awards, established in memory of the founder of the Institute, have been awarded to Frederick J. Kolb, Jr., Vernon G. Lippitt, Dale F. Morgan, and John J. Wallace, all members of the Class of 1938.

The awards, which have a value of \$500 each, were made by the Faculty Committee on Undergraduate Scholarships, the announcement being made last Saturday by Dean Harold E. Lobdell, chairman of the Committee. The financial backing for the prizes is provided from the income accumulated from a fund established by a group of Technology alumni.

Compton Makes Presentation

Presentation ceremonies were held by President Compton in his office, with members of the Committee and heads of the academic departments in

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Rogers Awards

**Women Employees Give
Two Hundred Dollars
To China Relief Fund**

**Twenty-Four Tons of Clothing
Have Been Collected
For Refugees**

Women employees of Technology have contributed more than one hundred dollars for Chinese relief, it was announced last night by the New England Committee for Relief in China. An additional \$600 has been raised by students at Wellesley, Madame Chiang Kai Shek's alma mater.

Altogether nearly \$2500 has been received, although the Committee's general fund drive has not yet begun. Of this amount \$500 has been sent to the Hon. C. T. Wang, Ambassador from China at Washington, for distribution through the Chinese Red Cross Society, and \$750 for medical supplies for distribution through Dr. Cotui, Chairman of the Executive Board. In addition \$500 has been sent to Mr. E. E. Barnett, General Secretary of the International Committee of the Y. M. C. A. for civilian relief.

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China Relief

**Schwarz To Address
The Chemical Society**

"The Chemist as an Architect" will be the subject of a lecture by Professor Edward R. Schwarz of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, before a meeting of the Chemical Society tonight in Room 6-120 at 8 P. M.

Refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting in the Forrest Jewett Moore Room.

Twenty-five members of the society yesterday afternoon were shown through the Lever Bros. soap factory. Processes of soap manufacture from raw fat and alkali through the Canizzarro reaction to the finished product were demonstrated. At the conclusion of the trip, gift packages of soap were presented to each member.

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CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

WHERE IS IT?

AS MEN go home to celebrate Christmas, a much will be on their hands. Work that should have been done at school, the girl that may be waiting, presents that must be bought, those we hope have been bought for us, festivities around Christmas and New Year's, reports that are due the first day school resumes, national and international affairs. In all the jumble, hardly a consideration of the meaning and origin of the festival for which our holiday is named.

Christmas the celebration of the birthday of Christ is lauded by many just because they may get more presents than they give or because it breaks a long spell of hard work. Christmas was originally a festival for Christians who believed that the manner of living was set forth in the Bible and as exemplified in the Biblical teachings and life of Christ should be followed. These men believed in the Golden Rule in helping other men and in loving mankind.

One symbol, that of giving presents, remains to be battered about and misused while the rest of the world forgets and denies all ties with the ideals that all Christians pretend to believe. Certainly the world has forgotten all about brotherly love. Armies are sent for no just reason to bomb innocent people. Capital and Labor are at each other's throats with seeming intent to kill, while we sit at home, smugly giving away small favors to a few close friends, possibly even singing praises of ideals to which we give lip service but would not think of carrying out.

Men have died for the ideals embodied in Christianity, but this Christmas men will die for lack of these same ideals. We will be celebrating the birth of a plan that was to let all men live in peace with each other, but it has failed so far. Merry Christmas.

TAPPING TELEPHONES

GIVING THE RACKETEER A BREAK

RACKETEERS who are breaking Federal laws of any type were given a new lease on life yesterday with the announcement of the Supreme Court opinion that telephone tapping was unethical and thus could not be admissible as court evidence. Thus the famed G-man has to find another means of trapping the wily crook. This country, always noted for its sense of fair play, has long felt that the underworld character has not been given a proper chance against the minions of the law. Hence the Supreme Court action.

Looking at this question from a serious point of view, it is significant that the opinion of Justice Sutherland, who cast one of the two dissenting opinions, is that, "in lawbreaking, there is no ethical question involved." Law-breaking itself consists of opposing or breaking ethical practices. After all, ethics are not set up by the will of a few but are the out-growth of custom, precedent or the like. Since

lawbreaking is in itself against established practice, it constitutes in itself, a breach of ethics. It seems inconceivable by any form of thinking that the criminal offender should be protected in his machinations. The tapping of telephones has in the past been responsible in part for the successful capture and conviction of criminals. Much vital information that is necessary for the capture and conviction of existing gangs is now being obtained over telephones. Nevertheless, the fact remains that the Supreme Court says no, it is not fair and hence the criminal breathes a little easier. Possibly the G-men have an ace up their sleeve, a man with X-ray eyes or something. We await such things with anticipation.

FUTILE CONGRESS

ITS TIME WAS LARGELY WASTED

CONGRESS ends its special session this week without having accomplished a single objective. Number one on the administration program, the granary bill, is tangled in conference. The wage and hours legislation, second objective, was interred by recomittal vote Friday night. In committee are bills to create seven regional planning zones for flood control, conservation and incidental power development. Legislation touching on the reorganization of government departments and agencies has hardly come to the attention of the legislators, while the President's proposed anti-trust revisions have seen no action at all. Work on anti-lynching laws too has been postponed by common agreement.

We cannot in all truthfulness say that Congress accomplished nothing during its session, for it did manage to pass legislation providing for \$225,000 in holiday travel allowances for members, and to straighten out several other problems. Among other things it authorized a loan of Capitol paintings for the sesquicentennial observance of the adoption of the Federal Constitution. An expensive favor, since it has cost \$225,000 to authorize.

Congress reconvenes with the New Year, and it is our hope that our solons act more speedily and with more aplomb to put through the worthwhile business on the legislative agenda. Particularly the housing bill (which may yet pass during the special session), deserves prompt attention. The advantages of decent low scale housing and the probable accompanying business stimulation are too obvious to mention here. Other projects which deserve reconsideration are the wages and hours bill and the anti-lynching laws.

If our Senators and Congressmen can forget supposed regional advantages and personal desires in an effort to aid the American economic situation, prompt action on many measures can be effected. Next time Congress appropriates itself several hundred thousand dollars for travelling expenses and takes off for home, we hope there will be more constructive work to show for its efforts than this session can boast.

RELIGION AND SCIENCE

AND SCIENTISTS' BELIEFS

IN connection with our recent editorials on science and religion, one of our readers has sent us a booklet pointing out the religious beliefs of five great scientists, Faraday, Faraday, Pasteur, Newton, and Kelvin, and has criticized us for having "done away with religion as a non-essential, especially to the scientific mind." But a close study of these scientists' beliefs shows that religion can be a non-essential, which is all we ever claimed.

Scientists' beliefs seem to fall into several general classes. One group may be typified by a statement of one of Faraday's friends, "When he entered his meeting-house he left his science behind. . . ." This attitude was more common among physical scientists. A conflict, remember, can be inherent without being recognized.

Another group, like Kelvin and Newton, argue for religion on the basis of biological "evidence" (they were physical scientists)—"evidence" which has been later disproven. The latest stand of this group, that there was something peculiar about "life," attributable to God, of course, is in the process of falling, with the discovery that the filterable viruses, long known as living matter, can also be crystallized like most non-living matter.

The other, and probably largest group, conceives of God as no more than a Creator, a First Cause, but having no part after the

original creation. This belief, of course, discards the great mass of religious beliefs, which depend on an interventionist God.

The atheist would say, "In the beginning there was the universe," for so far no scientific evidence of anything else has been found. The "First Causa" would say, "No, something must have brought it about—in the beginning there was a God." We can argue as to which belief is the most plausible, the most reasonable, but we cannot prove one or the other. But that is dealing with God solely as a Creator, which is a different plane of argument from that of previous editorials and letters.

One reader has questioned whether without religion there can be incentive to do good. Careful thought and reading of biography will make one realize that there have been many who did good for other than religious compulsions. We are not attempting to minimize the importance of religion; we are not urging that we should try to abolish religions, but we do maintain that it is possible to form a philosophy of life not based on religion, and superior in some respects to the religious philosophy.

Reviews and Previews

METROPOLITAN—Today and tomorrow the program is Manhattan Merry-Go-Round with Phil Regan and Ann Dvorak, also a Major Bowes' Collegiate Revue on the stage. Thursday for a week is True Confession, a story of a false confession to murder by Carole Lombard, Fred MacMurray, and John Barrymore, with "Swing Santa Swing" on the stage Nancy McCord from the Metropolitan Opera Co.

PARAMOUNT AND FENWAY—Through Wednesday Daughter of Shanghai, with Anna May Wong and Larry Crabbe, Love is on the Air, with Ronald Reagan and June Travis. Submarine D-I opens Thursday with Pat O'Brien and George Brent, also 45 Fathers, a story of millionaire bachelors attempt to convert Jane Withers into a passive sweet lady.

SCOLLAY AND MODERN—Technicolor Ebb Tide and gangster story Gangway will run through Thursday, Second Honeymoon with Tyrone Power and Loretta Young starts Friday along with Daughter of Shanghai with Anna May Wong as a secret agent.

UPTOWN—It's Love I'm After starting Friday with Leslie Howard, Bette Davis, and Olivia DeHavilland, also Merry Go Round of 1938 on the screen with Bert Lahr, Jimmy Savo, and Alice Brady.

EXETER—Ronald Colman and Madeleine Carroll are appearing in The Prisoner of Zenda with Wendy Barrie and Walter Pidgeon in A Girl With Ideas during the first of the week. Beginning Thursday Ronald Colman and Elizabeth Allan are in A Tale of Two Cities also Judge Priest with Will Rogers and Anita Louise.

UNIVERSITY—Today Merry Go Round of 1938 is on the screen including Alice Brady and Mischa Auer and Lancer Spy starring George Sanders and Delores Del Rio. Wednesday Maytime with Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy and Stuart Erwin in Women are Trouble. Thursday

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Reviews and Previews

Letters to the Editor

(Editor's note: The following letters were received some time ago, but unfortunately could not be published sooner because of space limitations.)

Editor, The Tech:

Having read the letter to the editor in the last issue of The Tech, I came to realize that there is among the students a definite misunderstanding of the nature and the purpose of the Students' Committee for China Relief. It is an undeniable fact that the above mentioned organization has as its aim the extending of aid to those needy Chinese who are innocent victims of a modern war. But this is pure charity out of human sympathy for the unfortunate fellow beings. How could one call it an open antagonism to Japan and alliance to China? Reminiscent of the chivalrous account of a valiant warrior offering a cigarette to a dying enemy to soothe the uttermost pain and agony of a mutilated body. I would not call the warrior a traitor for his display of humanity. To those whose minds are blinded in their earnestness for mass robbery and international law breaking, this might sound absurd. But what is right can not be wrong. Are the civilized people of this world going to yield their opinion just in the same way as the spirit of nations has been subdued to nothing in the wake of force and power and the solemn pledge of the nations has been blown to bits by the booming of big guns?

May the love for peace and the courage for upholding righteousness always prevail! —A Chinese.

To the Editor of The Tech:

I believe that much space and publishing effort are wasted in your "Letters to the Editor" column whenever a topic which is rich, directly, or indirectly because of a related topic, in controversial possibilities is introduced by a reader. The occurrence of the waste is not the fault of the editorial policy; usually not the fault of the initial writer; but often the fault of those who succumb to the urge to reply protestingly. Protest is justifiable only when the nature of the initial comment is extremely rash, malappropriate, or fallacious, and even then the replier's attitude should be that of a constructive critic with a desire to pity greater than the desire to censure.

In many cases the replying writers have good reason to reply, but in so doing, in addition to discussing the main issue or issues, quite frequently flounder in the quagmire of verbosity and hasty conclusions; lose sight of the main issue or issues in the jungle of superfluity, shallow thinking, and unrestrained, personal feelings; and

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Beaver Swimmers Bow Before W.P.I.**Victory Hinges On Contested Win Between Karna And Brewster**

Edged out by a forty to thirty-seven score, which involved a contested win requiring a prolonged huddle by the officials, the Engineer swimmers last Saturday lost to the natators from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in a meet held at the University Club.

The closest event of the afternoon's competition was between Jack Karna for the visitors and Bill Brewster of Tech in the 130 yard backstroke. Winning time was two minutes flat. The only winner for the Beavers was Stuart Paige, '39, who has not been defeated in two years of college competition. Paige saved the Institute record by carrying off honors in the dive. His teammate, Arthur Cook, '39, followed him with a second in this series.

Tech Takes 400

The four hundred yard free style relay helped pile up points for the Cardinal and Grey as a team composed of Archibald Main, '38, Byron Wheeler, '39, Mead Bradner, '38, and William Schuler, '40, outswam the W. P. I. men.

The summary:

300-yard medley—Won by Worcester (Platukis, Evans, Johnson); second, M. I. T. (Brewster, Fabens, Wheeler). Time—3m. 29s. 220-yard free style—Won by Crandall (W.); second, Martin (M); third, Kuniholm (W). Time 2m. 37.9-10s. 50-yard free style—Won by Love (W); second, Brainer (M); third, Karna (W). Time—2m. 3-10s. 100-yard free style—Won by Love (W); second, Schuler (M); third, Gardner (M). Time—59.7-10s. 150-yard back stroke—Won by Karna (W); second, Brewster (M); third, Platukis (W). Time—2m. 200-yard breast stroke—Won by Evans (W); second, Williams (M); third, Morgenstern (W). Time—2m. 45.2-10s. 400-yard free style—Won by Crandall (W); second, McEvoy (M); third, Carson (W). Time—6m. 18.2-10s. Dive—Won by Paige (M). 74.7 points; second, Cook (M), 70.7 points; third, Maggiolo (W). 69.6 points. 400-yard free style relay—Won by M. I. T. (Main, Bradner, Wheeler, Schuler); second, Worcester (Love, Crandall, Murphy, Kuniholm). Time—4m. 10.7-10s.

5:15 New Year's Dance*(Continued from Page 1)*

Year's Eve in the Main Hall at Walker and continues until four. Ted Bailey has been playing at the leading beach resorts along the coast during the summer and fall and he has now started a long term engagement in Boston.

Tables Arranged Cabaret Style
The tables will be arranged cabaret style around the floor. Ten large tables seating five couples each will be placed between the pillars surrounding the dance floor and under the balcony further groups of five couple tables will be located. At the south end of the hall a few four couple tables have been provided.

A large canopy of colored streamers is being designed by the committee to mask the entire ceiling. Red and green decorations will be arranged about the hall and in the lobby. The east and west lounges, the first floor lobby and the 5:15 club room will all be reserved for the guests. Radio programs or recordings will be available over the new radio in the club room to supplement the orchestra upstairs.

Favors to Be Distributed

Shortly before midnight favors and several varieties of horns and noise-

Beaver Gunmen Lose Match To Arlington**Washington Confirms Tech Win Over Rhode Island**

Suffering its first defeat in five matches, the Technology rifle team bowed to the superior marksmanship of the Arlington Rifle Club last Friday evening on the Institute range by the score of 912 to 894.

Of the ten man team representing the Institute the five to place were Charles H. Maak, '38, the captain, with an individual score of 181; Robert W. Pratt, '39, with a 180; Valentine deOlloqui, '40, with a 180; John L. Ohlson, '39, with a 179; and Norman L. Davis, '40, with a 176.

Won First Intercollegiate League Match

Results of the first of the New England Intercollegiate League matches which was fired at Kingston, Rhode Island, against Rhode Island State College on Saturday, Dec. 11, have been received from the National Rifle Association in Washington, confirming Tech's victory by a score of 1289 to 1263. In the final rescored the team total for the Beaver riflemen was raised a total of five points over the estimated score which they originally reported.

Cercle Francais*(Continued from Page 1)*

After the show, all those present and interested were asked to leave their names. All others, who were not there, can signify their interest by getting in touch with Mr. Samuel at the Graduate House.

The society plans to have a meeting for members some time in January, to formulate future plans. It already has laid the ground-work for about five French movies, several lectures, and some recordings. Every one is invited to the movies.

makers will be distributed. At exactly twelve o'clock, a signal will be given for concentrated noise to usher in the New Year. Dinner will be served from one to two. Redemption of options must be made by two o'clock or special arrangement must be made with the committee to retain places reserved by options. During the vacation, club members will be in the Main Lobby from twelve to two each day to redeem options or to sell tickets. Redemptions are three dollars; tickets are priced at five dollars.

Members of the faculty who have accepted invitations to attend as chaperones are Professors Charles S. Draper and Robley D. Evans, Dr. H. E. Hall, and Messrs. Clark S. Goodman and Herman J. Shea.

Tech Matmen Beaten In Season's 2d Bout By Brooklyn College**Each Team Scores Two Falls; Brooklyn, 4 Decisions To Win By 22-10**

In their second match of the season, the Tech wrestling team fell before a superior team from Brooklyn College, New York, by the score 22 to 10. Both teams scored two falls, but Brooklyn won four other matches by decisions.

William H. Stone in the 126 pound class and John Vanderpool in the 165 pound class were the two winners for Technology. Both were New England freshmen champions in the same classes last year. In the only match which went into overtime William Hoffman of Technology lost the decision to I. Cantor of Brooklyn after two extra-period sessions.

The results: M. Schiller (B) defeated John Vyverberg (M.I.T.); William H. Stone (M.I.T.) threw Sig Scheider (B) in 5:00; David Spirit (B) threw David Wang (M.I.T.) in 4:10; S. Luff (B) defeated Robert Cohen (M.I.T.); B. Fromartz (B) threw Mike Cetee (M.I.T.) in 5:10; John Vanderpool (M.I.T.) threw H. Sims (B) in 5:37; M. Schiffriin (B) defeated Phil Lual (M.I.T.); and I. Cantor (B) defeated William Hoffman (M.I.T.).

**On 2.40 and Things**

Seems the boys in 2.40 have been having trouble with their units lately, remembering when its B.t.u.|hr.|sq.ft.|ft.|degree F and not B.t.u.|hr.|sq.ft.|in.|degree F, and such like things. Seems also Professor Svenson, who has been ministering to their ignorance, has a daughter—now wait a minute—in grade four. We forgot to ask what school.

Seems further that the good professor is so used to assigning homework problems that he assigned one to said daughter. And she got the answer right, and what's more, she got the units right. Now that's the kind of girl who could be a real helpmate to a Tech man. Or maybe this explains the professor's success.

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Tech Basketmen Lose To Mass. State Five**Beaver Quintet Loses Third By 53-28**

Losing by a score of 53-28, the Beaver basketball squad last Friday night met the Massachusetts State College team at Amherst. The star of the game, according to Co-Captain Michael Herasimchuk, '39, was Co-Captain Paul Schneider, while the high scorer was Wright, '40, who earned nine points.

Other players in the game, whose loss the captain attributed to the fine basket-shooting of the Mass. State team, were Theodore Thomas, '40; Thomas Creamer, '40; Oliver Kangas, '38; Richmond Wilson, '40; and Hyman Katz, '38.

This defeat marked the third straight loss for the Engineers; it also ended a two-year feud of one-point victories with Mass. State. In 1935 Tech defeated Mass. State by a single basket, while last year the upstate men took the game from the basketmen by a single foul shot.

Reviews

(Continued from Page 2) day brings Shirley Temple in Heidi, also Brian Aberne in The Great Garick.

WASHINGTON ST. OLYMPIA—Ali Baba Goes to Town with Eddie Cantor and June Lang, also Hold 'Em Navy with Lew Ayres, Mary Carlisle, and Benny Baker. Starting Saturday is Leo Carrillo and Jean Parker in The Barrier, also Live, Love and Learn with Robert Montgomery, and Rosalind Russell.

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The Spirit of Christmas prevailed in the dormitories last night as 120 students gathered to sing Christmas carols around a fire. Later the group assembled before President Karl T. Compton's house and repeated the carols. Just before the group walked slowly away singing "Silent Night," Dr. Compton appeared at the door to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. Musical accompaniment for the carolers was present in the form of accordion music. With an enthusiastic singing of the Stein Song and with cries of "Merry Christmas!" filling the air, the students returned to their rooms to continue their vacation packing.

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Wednesday, Dec. 22
5 P. M.—Phi Gamma Delta Alumni of Amherst—College Dinner—Faculty Room.
6:30 P. M.—Dinner to Mr. Wood—Silver Room.
Thursday, Dec. 23
HOLIDAYS BEGIN.
Tuesday, Dec. 28
6:30 P. M.—Helsinki University Dinner—North Hall.
10-1 P. M.—Helsinki University Dance—Main Hall.
Friday, Dec. 31
10-4—New Year's Ball—Main Hall.
Sunday, Jan. 2
Holidays End.
Monday, Jan. 3
2:30 P. M.—Technology Dames—Emma Rogers Room.

Letters to the Editor

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as a net result, make condemned fools of themselves. The folly and resulting waste lie in the attempt at additional "squelching" of the opposition; evolve into a farce when the superfluous words take on the form of an epistolary debate, perhaps connected to the main issue or issues, but which is most ill-advised. If the writers desire a real debate, the place, time, and more appropriate (oral, or personal correspondence) weapons are, no doubt, available to them. Such an act is not at all wasteful provided the debaters know (a very much abused word) what they are talking about.

But returning to the waste; a ludicrous example is the recent uproar caused by the letter entitled, "China Relief." Legally and within certain limits, there is such a thing as freedom of speech, of course, but in a college paper of a cosmopolitan institution such as M. I. T., certain local, unwritten laws based on common sense and sense of propriety should, I believe, set a further limit to this freedom. To my mind, almost any issue involving the United States, its institutions, and its people may be discussed in these letters by writers with true authority to express their views. For writers with less authority (most students), the following rule seems to be sensible: making comments, including defense and condemnation, on America and things American is justifiable when made by only Americans or, perhaps, visitors who have lived here for some time and have a sincere interest in America; making comments on a foreign country and things about that country is justifiable when made by only students from that country or someone else who has lived in that country and has an interest in it. This goes for all and any broad, sweeping statements or assumptions, and any knife-in-the-back thrusts prompted by personal enthusiasm, that may ruffle the patience of any one group. In this cosmopolitan atmosphere, at least, sailing forth from one's mental backyard with malicious or selfish intent should be taboo. Trespassing would only provoke counter-attacks, calling for further attacks, and so forth, and the above-mentioned waste results. Observance of the above rule, and, in addition, precise reading and thinking twice before replying would, I believe, aid in reducing this waste.

—Ichiro Takahashi, '38.

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Rogers Award

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which the four Seniors are studying present as guests.

Kolb, ex-president of his class and present vice-president of the Institute Committee, is a native of Rochester, N. Y., and entered the Institute from John Marshall High School. As well as being a member of Dorclan, honorary dormitory society, he has won his letter on the gym team and is chairman of the Open House Committee. Enrolled in Course X, Kolb has held an undergraduate scholarship each of his four years at the Institute, and is vice-president of Tau Beta Pi. He is also on the editorial board of The Tech.

Lippitt, who is enrolled in electrical engineering, has likewise held undergraduate scholarships throughout his four years. A resident of Westwood, N. J., he is member of Tau Beta Pi, and was co-captain of last year's varsity basketball team.

Morgan, a member of Beta Theta Pi and former captain of the varsity gym team, is president of Tau Beta Pi, honorary engineering fraternity, and is student chairman of the faculty-student committee. A graduate of New Rochelle High School, New Rochelle, N. Y., he is enrolled in Course X.

Wallace Senior Class President

Wallace, the fourth member of the group, is president of the Senior Class, and president of the Institute Committee. He has won undergraduate scholarships in all of his years at the Institute, and is president of the Aeronautical Engineering Society. A resident of Oak Park, Illinois, he has served as an instructor in gliding for the Aeronautical Society, and was co-winner of the mid-western soaring meet at Empire, Michigan. Wallace is president of Dorclan and a member of Tau Beta Pi.

Chinese Relief

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The first shipment of 13 tons of clothing, it was announced, has arrived in Hongkong and is being distributed through the Chinese Women's Relief Association. Nine more tons have been collected and will be shipped to the war zone in the near future.

According to the committee, Chinese relief authorities state that \$1.00 will provide one month's food for a Chinese refugee; \$40.00 will build a hut to provide shelter for 50 persons; and \$100.00 will purchase sufficient anaesthetic for operations on 300 persons.

Senior Dance

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sible, the class treasury is financing the dance. The dance will be formal and, as has been the custom in past years, Beaver Club members will usher. No stags will be admitted. The Senior Dance Committee — a sub-committee of the Institute Committee is composed of John R. Cook, chairman, Harry B. Hollander, Bernard W. Mehren, and Willard Roper, all members of the Senior Class.

Japanese Boycott Sentiment
Asked In Next The Tech Poll

The Tech wishes to remind its readers that their opinion on the Japanese situation will be polled by The Tech immediately after the Christmas vacation.

The poll questions, covering only the possibility of applying economic curbs to Japan, will determine whether Technology students are willing to join an unofficial boycott of Japanese goods, and whether they favor a Federal embargo on trade with Japan.

Results of the poll will be published in the first issue of The Tech after the poll.

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T. C. A.

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ially with younger members of the staff. This might be explained by the different attitude taken by the students here than in America. True, some of the older members encourage and supervise certain activities, debating, societies, etc., but outside of eating meals with them, I personally have had no opportunity to engage in this."

The foreign college project, in which Goldsmith is engaged, was first proposed in 1928. The T. C. A. sent representatives to Turkey for several years, but unfortunately the depression put a halt to their plans. Last spring the final arrangements with Robert College were made. Under the agreement the T. C. A. was to pay salary and transportation cost while Robert College was to provide room and board.

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New Members Elected
To Musical Society

Baton, honorary musical society, elected six new members at a special meeting held Wednesday at 7:30 in the Dorm Committee Room.

These members, chosen for outstanding activity in the musical clubs, are Albert O. Wilson, '38, Richard S. Leghorn, '39, Frederick Q. Gemmill, Walter B. Parker, '39, Sidney Hirshon, G., and Alva L. Herman, '39.

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